
*Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
9:30 A.M.**

Members Present: Lisa Freese, Lyndon Robjent, Gina Mitteco, Carla Stueve, Brian Isaacson, Jan Lucke, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Jon Solberg, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Andrew Emanuele, Matt Fyten, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Ken Ashfeld, Paul Oehme, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Jenifer Hager, Paul Mogush, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Freese at 9:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Ashfeld and seconded by Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 6, 2019 TAC minutes was made by Mr. Isaacson and seconded by Mr. Solberg. Motion carried.

4. TAB Report

TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the December 18, 2019 TAB meeting.

5. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Chair Freese provided an update on the Executive Committee. She noted that Executive Committee met this morning to discuss items on the agenda. She continued by asking committee members whether they preferred the current starting time of 9:30 or wish to go back to the previous meeting time of 9:00. Mr. Harrington expressed his desire to have the meeting time set to start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Harrington made a motion to move the start time of the Technical Advisory Committee to 9:00 and seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Motion carried. The new start time will take effect starting with the February 2020 meeting.

2. Planning Committee (Jan Lucke, Chair)

a) 2020-02: Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Lucke introduced this item, noting that federal law requires the adoption of safety performance targets for the region on an annual basis. There are five different performance measures that require specific targets. Traditionally, the Council has used the MnDOT methodology and applied it to the totals in the metro area. Doing so this year would result in an increase in the targets for fatalities and serious injuries, as it would be based on 2018 figures as opposed to 2017.

Mr. Burns continued by explaining that the TAC Planning Committee was given two options for 2020 targets: one was to adopt the same targets that were adopted in 2019 and the other was to apply a 1.5% reduction to fatalities and a 5% reduction to serious injuries to the 2019 targets. The latter methodology was recommended by TAC Planning as it reflected the Council's commitment to a safe transportation system. Mr. Burns also noted that TAC Planning discussed and recommended the establishment of a safety work group, which would help set future targets. Mr. Solberg noted that MnDOT may look towards setting more aspirational goals in the future.

The committee discussed the formation of the safety working group, how it would be comprised, and potential membership options. Mr. Solberg noted that there is no regional, metro-wide Towards Zero Death group, and that this working group could be used as a catalyst to explore region-wide safety issues.

A motion to adopt the targets that reflect a reduction in fatalities and serious injuries was made by Ms. Lucke and seconded by Mr. Isaacson. Motion carried. It was decided that while the Committee supports the concept of a safety working group, but staff should provide TAC more details within the coming months on its scope and composition.

b) 2020-03: 2020 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Ms. Lucke introduced this item, noting that it was an action to amend the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), adopted by the Council on September 25, 2019. She noted that there were three main components that necessitated an amendment: an interim update to the Transportation Policy Plan, adjustments to consultant studies included in the UPWP, and a change in the budget to reflect additional federal planning funds which became available.

Amy Vennewitz of MTS presented the item, covering the timeframe of the TPP update and the necessity to update it in 2020. Ms. Vennewitz explained that an interim update was necessary because the TPP must be updated every five years and the current plan was last updated in 2018. As the regional development guide will be updated in 2024 and necessitates an update of the TPP, an interim update would allow the TPP to reflect the goals of the new regional development guide and have a horizon year of 2050. She noted that the 2020 update of the TPP would include minimal changes, with minor updates to the text and figures the main focus.

Mr. Peterson presented a change to the UPWP amendment that had not been reflected: the inclusion of the Mobility Hub Planning Guide. This will be an approximately \$150,000 study focusing on mobility hubs, with work mainly occurring in 2021. Ms. Lucke made a motion to approve the amended UPWP with the incorporation of the Mobility Hubs Planning Guide study with changes tracked. Seconded by Mr. Solberg. Motion carried.

3. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)

As the December 2019 meeting of the Funding and Programming Committee was cancelled, there were no items.

6. Special Agenda Items

1. Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Update Schedule

Ms. Vennewitz of MTS provided an overview of the proposed TPP update schedule, which will conclude with an updated Transportation Policy Plan during the course of 2020. She noted that, per state law,

the TPP must be updated after development of the regional development guide, which will be adopted in 2024. Due to timing, the best course of action is an interim update, to be completed in 2020, followed by a 2025 update that reflects the regional development guide. Ms. Vennewitz noted that she will bring additional information on the TPP work plan to the committee over the course of the next few months.

2. Air Quality Conformity

Jonathan Ehrlich of MTS presented this item, noting that the Twin Cities was now in full attainment for carbon monoxide. However, a small area of the region was recently designated as a maintenance area for particulate matter-10 (PM₁₀). The designation of the maintenance area is anticipated to expire in September of 2022.

Mr. Ehrlich outlined the consequences of the expiration of carbon monoxide maintenance and upcoming work for the Council in regard to air quality.

7. Agency Reports

Ms. Rief noted that the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport recently was named the second-best airport in the world for on-time departures.

Mr. Solberg provided an update on behalf of MnDOT. He noted that the governor recently named a new deputy commissioner for the agency. He continued by informing the group that a webinar on the metro-area functional classification update would take place during the afternoon.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was moved by Ms. Hager and seconded by Mr. Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Prepared by:

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